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Geological investigation of the Poles'ye Lowland in 1941 resulted in the finding of a rock salt deposit in the vicinity of Davylovka in Domanovichskiy Rayon, Poles'ye Oblast, Belorussian SSR.

A bore hole struck the rock salt at a depth of 844 meters and passed through it for 167 meters. The bore hole was halted at this point, at a depth of 1,011 meters. The deposit has been named the Davylovka deposit.

Analysis of the salt has shown that it is completely suitable for food as well as for other economic purposes.

Germany's attack in 1941 prevented further investigation of this deposit. However, the postwar Five-Year Plan included its exploitation in the economic reconstruction of the Belorussian SSR.

New bore holes struck rock salt at depths of 830 to 834 meters. Bore hole No 2 struck the salt of 834 meters and after passing through the salt layer for 369 meters had not reached its bottom. Drilling was halted at the latter point.

Reserves of the deposit have not yet been established, but available data indicates that the deposit covers hundreds of square kilometers. The best estimate made so far is 800 square kilometers. It is noteworthy that the bottom of the salt layer has not yet been found.

The deposit has economic significance not only for Belorussian SSR but also for Lithuania, Latvia, Estonia, and nearby oblasts of the RSFSR, especially since the Berezina and Pripyat rivers and railroad lines are available for its transport.

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